Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

February 2017

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering February 12th to 18th, 2017, there were 563,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is an increase of 5,000 from January 2017 and 8,600 more than the number employed in February 2016.

Agricultural employment was 36,700 persons in February 2017, down 300 from the January 2017 level and 4,300 less than the February 2016 agricultural employment level of 41,000. Non-agricultural employment was 526,900 persons in February 2017. This is an increase of 5,300 from the January 2017 non-agriculture employment level of 521,600 and 12,900 more than February 2016.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for February 2017 was 6.5 percent. This is a decrease of 0.6 percentage points from the January 2017 rate of 7.1 percent and 0.2 percentage points lower than the February 2016 level of 6.7 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 1,100 to 602,500 persons in February 2017 from 601,400 persons in January 2017. This is 7,800 more than the February 2016 labour force of 594,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.1 percentage points to 69.0 percent in February 2017 from 68.9 percent in January 2017. The February 2016 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.7 percent.

There were 38,900 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during February 2017. This is a decrease of 3,900 from January 2017 and is 800 less than the number unemployed in February 2016.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 575,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan in February 2017, up 8,000 from the January 2017 level of 567,500 and is up 8,800 from the February 2016 employment level of 566,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 2017 was 6.0 percent. This is a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the January 2017 rate of 6.4 percent and remained unchanged from the February 2016 rate of 6.0 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 36,700 persons in February 2017 to 17,992,800 persons from 17,956,100 persons in January 2017. In February 2016, there were 17,697,100 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased by 0.2 percentage points in February 2017 to 7.0 percent from the January 2017 level of 7.2 percent. In February 2016, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.6 percent in February 2017. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than January 2017 and 0.6 percentage points lower than the February 2016 level of 7.2 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	February 2017	January 2017	February 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,342.8	19,340.5	19,177.3	2.3	165.5
Employed ('000)	17,992.8	17,956.1	17,697.1	36.7	295.7
Full-Time ('000)	14,357.4	14,260.5	14,106.0	96.9	251.4
Part-Time ('000)	3,635.5	3,695.6	3,591.1	-60.1	44.4
Unemployed ('000)	1,349.9	1,384.4	1,480.2	-34.5	-130.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	7.2	7.7	-0.2	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.6	6.8	7.2	-0.2	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	65.0	65.0	65.1	0.0	-0.1
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	602.5	601.4	594.7	1.1	7.8
Employed ('000)	563.6	558.6	555.0	5.0	8.6
Full-Time ('000)	456.1	448.9	452.8	7.2	3.3
Part-Time ('000)	107.5	109.7	102.2	-2.2	5.3
Unemployed ('000)	38.9	42.8	39.7	-3.9	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	7.1	6.7	-0.6	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.0	6.4	6.0	-0.4	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	68.9	68.7	0.1	0.3
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,462.3	2,461.2	2,461.7	1.1	0.6
Employed ('000)	2,249.8	2,242.2	2,253.6	7.6	-3.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,814.0	1,785.6	1,834.9	28.4	-20.9
Part-Time ('000)	435.9	456.7	418.7	-20.8	17.2
Unemployed ('000)	212.4	219.0	208.2	-6.6	4.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.6	8.9	8.5	-0.3	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	8.3	8.8	7.9	-0.5	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	72.1	72.1	72.7	0.0	-0.6
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Labour Force ('000)	669.6	668.8	663.6	0.8	6.0
Employed ('000)	629.5	626.6	622.7	2.9	6.8
Full-Time ('000)	505.4	503.1	496.3	2.3	9.1
Part-Time ('000)	124.1	123.6	126.4	0.5	-2.3
Unemployed ('000)	40.1	42.1	40.9	-2.0	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	6.3	6.2	-0.3	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.8	6.1	6.0	-0.3	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	66.5	66.5	66.8	0.0	-0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	February 2017	January 2017	February 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	602.5	601.4	594.7	1.1	7.8
Male	326.1	327.8	323.5	-1.7	2.6
Female	276.4	273.7	271.2	2.7	5.2
15-24 Years of Age	83.1	84.8	86.2	-1.7	-3.1
25+ Years of age	519.4	516.6	508.5	2.8	10.9
EMPLOYED ('000)	563.6	558.6	555.0	5.0	8.6
Male	301.4	299.9	297.9	1.5	3.5
Female	262.1	258.7	257.1	3.4	5.0
15-24 Years of Age	73.4	74.2	74.5	-0.8	-1.1
25+ Years of age	490.2	484.4	480.5	5.8	9.7
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	38.9	42.8	39.7	-3.9	-0.8
Male	24.7	27.8	25.6	-3.1	-0.9
Female	14.3	15.0	14.1	-0.7	0.2
15-24 Years of Age	9.8	10.6	11.7	-0.8	-1.9
25+ Years of age	29.2	32.3	28.0	-3.1	1.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	6.5	7.1	6.7	-0.6	-0.2
Male	7.6	8.5	7.9	-0.9	-0.3
Female	5.2	5.5	5.2	-0.3	0.0
15-24 Years of Age	11.8	12.5	13.6	-0.7	-1.8
25+ Years of age	5.6	6.3	5.5	-0.7	0.1
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.0	68.9	68.7	0.1	0.3
Male	74.1	74.5	74.1	-0.4	0.0
Female	63.8	63.3	63.2	0.5	0.6
15-24 Years of Age	62.1	63.3	63.7	-1.2	-1.6
25+ Years of age	70.2	69.9	69.6	0.3	0.6

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	February 2017	January 2017	February 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	36.7	37.0	41.0	-0.3	-4.3
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	23.6	24.4	25.7	-0.8	-2.1
Utilities	6.6	6.6	6.5	0.0	0.1
Construction	47.1	46.1	48.1	1.0	-1.0
Manufacturing	28.2	27.0	25.2	1.2	3.0
Trade	92.3	91.5	84.5	0.8	7.8
Transportation and Warehousing	28.3	29.0	27.0	-0.7	1.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	26.4	26.8	29.6	-0.4	-3.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	31.1	30.7	26.3	0.4	4.8
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.1	12.8	11.8	-0.7	0.3
Educational Services	44.7	43.4	40.2	1.3	4.5
Health Care and Social Assistance	77.4	75.6	78.6	1.8	-1.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.5	20.3	20.0	0.2	0.5
Accommodation and Food Services	36.2	34.1	36.6	2.1	-0.4
Other Services	23.5	24.5	27.0	-1.0	-3.5
Public Administration	28.8	28.9	26.9	-0.1	1.9
Total	563.6	558.6	555	5.0	8.6
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	456.1	448.9	452.8	7.2	3.3
Part-Time	107.5	109.7	102.2	-2.2	5.3
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	460.8	457.0	444.9	3.8	15.9
Public Sector	140.3	138.1	134.7	2.2	5.6
Private Sector	320.5	318.9	310.2	1.6	10.3
Self-Employed	102.8	101.6	110.1	1.2	-7.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	February 2017	January 2017	February 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,992.8	17,956.1	17,697.1	36.7	295.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	213.7	215.0	220.1	-1.3	-6.4
Prince Edward Island	69.2	68.9	67.6	0.3	1.6
Nova Scotia	430.4	436.4	430.2	-6.0	0.2
New Brunswick	338.2	338.6	332.4	-0.4	5.8
Quebec	4,106.1	4,112.2	4,022.4	-6.1	83.7
Ontario	6,981.9	6,972.5	6,874.9	9.4	107.0
Manitoba	629.5	626.6	622.7	2.9	6.8
Saskatchewan	563.6	558.6	555.0	5.0	8.6
Alberta	2,249.8	2,242.2	2,253.6	7.6	-3.8
British Columbia	2,410.3	2,385.0	2,318.2	25.3	92.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.0	7.2	7.7	-0.2	-0.7
Newfoundland & Labrador	16.7	16.8	16.0	-0.1	0.7
Prince Edward Island	11.7	12.0	13.6	-0.3	-1.9
Nova Scotia	9.2	8.6	10.2	0.6	-1.0
New Brunswick	10.0	9.8	11.2	0.2	-1.2
Quebec	7.1	7.0	8.3	0.1	-1.2
Ontario	6.3	6.5	6.8	-0.2	-0.5
Manitoba	6.0	6.3	6.2	-0.3	-0.2
Saskatchewan	6.5	7.1	6.7	-0.6	-0.2
Alberta	8.6	8.9	8.5	-0.3	0.1
British Columbia	5.6	6.0	7.2	-0.4	-1.6

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	February 2017	January 2017	February 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,288.6	18,273.3	18,000.5	15.3	288.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	225.5	229.3	231.9	-3.8	-6.4
Prince Edward Island	73.0	72.7	71.6	0.3	1.4
Nova Scotia	445.9	452.7	444.2	-6.8	1.7
New Brunswick	351.9	351.9	346.0	0.0	5.9
Quebec	4,191.5	4,202.6	4,108.5	-11.1	83.0
Ontario	7,079.8	7,075.2	6,972.3	4.6	107.5
Manitoba	637.7	634.3	631.1	3.4	6.6
Saskatchewan	575.5	567.5	566.7	8.0	8.8
Alberta	2,268.9	2,267.6	2,274.2	1.3	-5.3
British Columbia	2,438.8	2,419.4	2,353.9	19.4	84.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.6	6.8	7.2	-0.2	-0.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.2	13.8	13.9	0.4	0.3
Prince Edward Island	10.0	9.8	11.1	0.2	-1.1
Nova Scotia	8.1	7.7	9.1	0.4	-1.0
New Brunswick	8.9	8.9	9.8	0.0	-0.9
Quebec	6.4	6.2	7.5	0.2	-1.1
Ontario	6.2	6.4	6.7	-0.2	-0.5
Manitoba	5.8	6.1	6.0	-0.3	-0.2
Saskatchewan	6.0	6.4	6.0	-0.4	0.0
Alberta	8.3	8.8	7.9	-0.5	0.4
British Columbia	5.1	5.6	6.5	-0.5	-1.4

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	February 2017	January 2017	February 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	9.2	9.7	7.6	-0.5	1.6
Halifax	6.4	5.8	7.0	0.6	-0.6
Saint John	7.5	7.0	8.5	0.5	-1.0
Quebec	4.7	4.4	5.3	0.3	-0.6
Montreal	6.9	6.4	8.7	0.5	-1.8
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.0	5.1	6.5	-0.1	-1.5
Toronto	6.8	6.6	6.8	0.2	0.0
Greater Sudbury	7.7	7.3	8.3	0.4	-0.6
Winnipeg	6.6	6.5	6.1	0.1	0.5
Regina	5.4	5.5	4.9	-0.1	0.5
Saskatoon	7.4	7.6	6.7	-0.2	0.7
Calgary	9.2	9.7	8.5	-0.5	0.7
Edmonton	8.3	7.8	6.8	0.5	1.5
Vancouver	4.7	4.8	6.0	-0.1	-1.3
Victoria	4.2	4.4	6.0	-0.2	-1.8
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	182.7	180.9	183.0	1.8	-0.3
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.7	52.8	52.2	-0.1	0.5
Saskatoon-Biggar	193.2	195.5	192.7	-2.3	0.5
Yorkton-Melville	37.9	38.1	34.8	-0.2	3.1
Prince Albert & Northern	95.3	95.8	100.3	-0.5	-5.0

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	February 2017	January 2017	February 2016	Last Month	Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	601.0	602.7	599.4	-1.7	1.6
Employed ('000)	561.0	562.8	564.0	-1.8	-3.0
Unemployed ('000)	39.9	39.9	35.4	0.0	4.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	6.6	5.9	0.0	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	69.1	69.3	-0.3	-0.5
Employment Rate (%)	64.3	64.5	65.2	-0.2	-0.9
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	543.7	545.9	549.0	-2.2	-5.3
Employed ('000)	512.6	514.7	520.0	-2.1	-7.4
Unemployed ('000)	31.1	31.2	29.0	-0.1	2.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.7	5.3	0.0	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	69.3	69.8	-0.3	-0.8
Employment Rate (%)	65.1	65.4	66.1	-0.3	-1.0
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	57.2	56.8	50.4	0.4	6.8
Employed ('000)	48.4	48.1	44.0	0.3	4.4
Unemployed ('000)	8.8	8.7	6.4	0.1	2.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.5	15.3	12.7	0.2	2.8
Participation Rate (%)	67.2	66.9	64.1	0.3	3.1
Employment Rate (%)	56.8	56.6	56.0	0.2	0.8
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Labour Force ('000)	25.2	24.5	19.0	0.7	6.2
Employed ('000)	20.3	19.9	15.2	0.4	5.1
Unemployed ('000)	4.8	4.6	3.8	0.2	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.1	18.7	20.1	0.4	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	66.0	64.6	56.9	1.4	9.1
Employment Rate (%)	53.4	52.5	45.5	0.9	7.9
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Labour Force ('000)	32.0	32.2	30.8	-0.2	1.2
Employed ('000)	27.9	28.1	28.2	-0.2	-0.3
Unemployed ('000)	4.0	4.1	2.6	-0.1	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.6	12.7	8.4	-0.1	4.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	68.7	70.0	-0.5	-1.8
Employment Rate (%)	59.6	60.0	64.1	-0.4	-4.5

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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